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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 10/065,048  
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For: **Staple-Former in a Stapler**  
Inventors: STRAAT, et al.  
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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Final Office Action dated August 6, 2004, Applicants submit the following Remarks.

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